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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

27 May 1981

Mr. Brian V. Kinney  
Chief, Declassification and  
Historical Research Branch  
Records Management Division  
Washington Headquarters Services  
Room 1D517, Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Kinney:

In response to Mr. Lowry's letter of 12 May 1981 we have reviewed the two documents which were found during the systematic review of OSD records and forwarded with his letter.

The first item, a memorandum of 5 December 1950 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Chairmen of the National Security Resources Board, Munitions Board, Research and Development Board, and Military Liaison Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission, on the subject "Atomic Energy Intelligence Requirements" has been declassified.

The second item, a memorandum of 13 February 1947 from the Secretary of the Joint Research and Development Board to Members of the Policy Council, JRDB, on the subject "Program for JRDB-CIG Cooperation in the Field of Scientific Intelligence" has been reviewed together with its attachment, JRDB 49/2, on the same subject. The CIA interposes no objection to the declassification of these documents.

The documents are returned to you herewith as requested.

Sincerely,



Chief, Classification Review Division  
Office of Information Services  
Directorate of Administration

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Attachment:

1. Memo dtd 5 Dec 50, Subj: Atomic Energy Intelligence Requirements
2. Memo dtd 13 Feb 47, Subj: Program for JRDB-CIG Cooperation in the Field of Scientific Intelligence, w/att, JRDB 49/2

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12 MAY 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, CLASSIFICATION REVIEW DIVISION,  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Request for Declassification Review

During the systematic review of all classified Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) documents over 20 years old, the Declassification and Historical Research Branch, Records Management Division, Directorate for Correspondence and Directives, Washington Headquarters Services, turned up the attached document(s).

The documents were either originated by your agency, contain information for which your agency is the classification authority, or are otherwise of interest to you.

It is therefore requested that your agency review the documents and recommend declassification, continued classification at the present or lesser level of classification, and/or review by other agencies. If your agency is recommending continued classification, in accordance with Paragraph 3-401, Executive Order 12065, it is requested that an authority for continued classification be specified, along with a date for the next review.

The time permitted by Executive Order 12065 to reach the point where all OSD documents over 20 years old have been reviewed, and the large volume of over 20 year old OSD documents, make it necessary to request your response within 60 days. In your response, you may wish to provide guidance with regard to what categories of information you do and do not wish to have referred to you in the future.

Your assistance in effecting this review will be most appreciated. Please return the documents to Mr. Brian V. Kinney, Chief, Declassification and Historical Research Branch, Records Management Division, Washington Headquarters Services, Room 1D517, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301, upon completion of your review.

Without attachments, this memorandum is UNCLASSIFIED.

*E. E. Lowry Jr.*  
E. E. Lowry, Jr.  
OSD Records Administrator

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Memo, 5 Dec 50, Subj: Atomic Energy Intelligence Requirements,  
Log No 38235, Cy #4 (S)
2. Memo, 13 Feb 47, Subj: Program for JRDB - CIG Cooperation in the  
Field of Scientific Intelligence, Log No 1645, Cy #28 (S)

COMTE ON  
ATOMIC ENERGY

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Office of The Director

5 December 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL SECURITY RESOURCES BOARD  
CHAIRMAN, MUNITIONS BOARD, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
CHAIRMAN, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD,  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ATTENTION:  
CHAIRMAN, MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE TO THE  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Atomic Energy Intelligence Requirements

1. The Central Intelligence Agency is at present reviewing the detailed requirements for atomic energy intelligence needed by planning levels of the government to provide a basis for planning the production of intelligence estimates designed, insofar as possible, to meet these stated needs. The agencies represented on the Intelligence Advisory Committee have already been requested to submit statements expressing their intelligence needs.

2. Since your office is not represented on the Intelligence Advisory Committee and since it may have a need for specific atomic energy intelligence, you are invited to consider such need and determine if you have any statement of specific requirements which should be included.

3. Any statement you may wish to submit should be forwarded directly to my Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence, Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, who has the responsibility for consolidating the requirements from all agencies. Since he is endeavoring to complete the consolidation by 15 December 1950, your prompt action in this matter will be appreciated.

Copy to: Executive Secretary, NSC

/s/ W. B. Smith

WALTER B. SMITH  
Director

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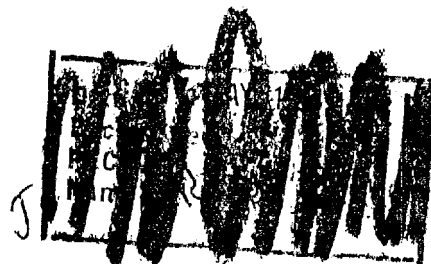
MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE POLICY COUNCIL, JRDB

SUBJECT: Program for JRDB - CIG Cooperation in the Field  
of Scientific Intelligence

1. Attached is JRDB 49/2 as approved by the Joint Research and Development Board at its fifth meeting held 8 January 1947.
2. This paper has been signed by Lt. General H. S. Vandenberg, Director of Central Intelligence Group, and Dr. V. Bush, Chairman of the Joint Research and Development Board,

/s/ F. H. Richardson  
F. H. RICHARDSON  
Secretary

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the Field of Scientific Intelligence

1. In recognition of the importance to national security of adequate foreign scientific intelligence, a series of joint meetings have been held by the Joint Research and Development Board and the Central Intelligence Group in order to determine a program whereby the existing intelligence facilities could be strengthened by closer cooperation between the two agencies.
2. As a result of these joint discussions, the Joint Research and Development Board and the Director of Central Intelligence (pursuant to authority contained in Paragraph 2 of N.I.A. Directive No. 1) have agreed to adopt the program which is attached hereto as a basis for future cooperation on matters of scientific intelligence nature.

/s/ Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
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Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director of Central Intelligence

/s/ V. Bush  
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V. Bush  
Chairman  
Joint Research and Develop-  
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JRDB 49/2

10 January 1947

Program for JRDB - CIG Cooperation in the  
Field of Scientific Intelligence

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1. Scientific intelligence. For the purpose of this paper, scientific intelligence is considered to include all matters pertaining to foreign research and development to the point of production which have a bearing on the national security of the United States.
2. The Scientific Branch, ORE, CIG.
  - a. A Scientific Branch has been established within the Office of Reports and Estimates, Central Intelligence Group, which will assume initiative and responsibility for the development and coordination of an overall national program of scientific intelligence.
  - b. The Scientific Branch will be headed by an individual acceptable to the Joint Research and Development Board and the Director of Central Intelligence. In addition to his other duties, he will serve as a scientific intelligence advisor to the Director of Central Intelligence.
  - c. It is recognized that the Scientific Branch will function with intellectual freedom in consonance with its official responsibilities. The Chief of the Branch will have direct access to CIG and JRDB activities associated with the requirements of his Branch. He

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will also have needed direct contact on scientific intelligence matters with the Chairman, JRDB, and the Director, CIG.

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3. Responsibilities of the Scientific Branch, CIG. The Scientific Branch, CIG, will be responsible for:

- a. The development of scientific intelligence on a national basis.
- b. The continuing formulation and revision of fundamental national scientific intelligence requirements in collaboration with JRDB, the Army, Navy, Air Forces, State Department, and other agencies.
- c. The formulation of definite plans and the coordination of action required to implement national scientific intelligence requirements through adequate collection and analysis of information by all established means or means capable of establishment.
- d. The preparation of estimates of scientific capabilities and intentions of foreign nations.
- e. The correlation of scientific estimates with those in other fields in the formulation of intelligence estimates of the overall strategic situation.

4. Relationship between CIG and JRDB

- a. It is recognized that CIG should be kept informed of the research and development fields in the United States which are of significance to the effective performance of its foreign intelligence mission. There is also clearly a close relationship between the responsibilities of the

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JRDB and the availability of adequate intelligence, especially in regard to assessing our own military potential as compared to that of foreign powers in the scientific field. Close liaison between CIG and JRDB will therefore be required.

b. In implementation of such liaison, as authorized by paragraph 2 of NIA Directive No. 1, CIG will:

- (1) Provide JRDB with such available foreign intelligence as is necessary in assessing the adequacy of our national research and development program.
- (2) Provide JRDB with detailed foreign intelligence on scientific items of specific interest.

c. In implementation of such liaison, JRDB will:

- (1) Upon request from the Director of Central Intelligence, cooperate in securing the necessary qualified personnel for the Scientific Branch, ORE, CIG.
  - (2) Provide the Chief, Scientific Branch, ORE, CIG, or qualified representatives designated by him, with such access to JRDB meetings and files as are necessary in the accomplishment of the intelligence mission of CIG.
  - (3) Upon request from the Chief, Scientific Branch, ORE, CIG, assist with such facilities as it has at its disposal in the solution of specific scientific intelligence problems.
  - (4) Assign a member of the Programs Division, JRDB, to the task of maintaining day-to-day liaison with CIG.
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- (5) Pass to Scientific Branch, ORE, CIG, any broad intelligence objectives which come to the attention of the Board and assist in the formulation of scientific intelligence requirements.
  - (6) Encourage direct contact between the Scientific Branch, ORE, CIG, and the JPDB.
  - (7) Promote and encourage research and development on improved methods, techniques and devices applicable to intelligence work.

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